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SUBJ: USG SPEAKER COURTENAY M. SLATER: LENINGRAD PROGRAM

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1. IN VIEW (A) DESIRABILITY HAVING SUCH WELL QUALIFIED
SPEAKER ON U.S. ECONOMY ADDRESS VARIETY OF LOCAL
AUDIENCES AND B) CONSTANT DIFFICULTIES IN GETTING LOCAL
INSTITUTIONS TO ACCEPT SPEAKERS (MUCH LESS INDICATE
IN ADVANCE AUDIENCE SIZE AND COMPOSITION IN EVENT
TRADITIONAL LAST MINUTE ANSWER TURNS OUT POSITIVE), POST
HAS PROPOSED LECTURES/MEETINGS FOR DR. SLATER AT FOLLOWING
INSTITUTIONS: VOZNESENSKIY FINANCIAL ECONOMICS INSTITUTE,
LENINGRAD STATE UNIVERSITY AMERICAN STUDIES GROUP,
LENINGRAD STATE UNIVERSITY ECONOMICS FACULTY, INSTITUTE
OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, LENINGRAD JOURNALISTS UNION.
AT THIS POINT WE HAVE FAIRLY POSITIVE REACTION FROM
AMERICAN STUDIES GROUP (PROBABLY A GATHERING OF NO MORE
THAN 6-10 ECONOMICS SPECIALISTS) AND INSTITUTE OF
SOCIB-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (PROBABLY A SIMILARLY SIZED GROUP
OF ECONOMIC RESEARCHERS). NONETHELESS WE STILL DO NOT
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HAVE DEFINITIVE ANSWERS FROM THESE INSTITUTIONS. OUR BEST
GUESSTIMATE IS THAT OF THE TOTAL OF FIVE GROUPS TO WHICH
WE HAVE PROPOSED DR. SLATER, THESE TWO AND PERHAPS ONE
MORE WILL ULTIMATELY RESPOND POSITIVELY.

2. THOUGH WE HAVE ADVERTISED DR. SLATER'S PROPOSED
TOPICS, RECENT PATTERN OF LOCAL REACTION TO GUEST SPEAKER

MIGHT BE TO LET HER DISCUSS WHATEVER SHE CHOOSES. POST
IN SUCH A CASE WOULD RECOMMEND SHE BRIEFLY OUTLINE SHORT
AND MEDIUM TERM U.S. ECONOMIC OUTLOOK FOCUSING
ON PROBLEM AREAS SUCH AS INFLATION, UNEMPLOYMENT AND
GROWTH, BEFORE OPENING SESSION(S) UP TO QUESTIONS. IT
IS NOT, HOWEVER, IMPOSSIBLE THAT ONE OR MORE OF THE
PROPOSED INSTITUTIONS MAY REQUEST ONE OF THE OTHER
SUGGESTED TOPICS. INCIDENTALLY, IN LENINGRAD TRANSLATION
WILL RPT WILL BE PROVIDED.

3. POST WILL HELP ARRANGE CULTURAL AND SIGHTSEEING
PROGRAM DURING FREE TIME. DETAILS TO BE WORKED OUT
UPON THEIR ARRIVAL HERE. BUCHANAN

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